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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL has constituted an Expert Group to devise long term strategy for its ISD (International Subsriber Dialling) operations;

(b) if so, the terms of reference of this Expert Group;

(c) the advantages accruing to BSNL as a result of venturing into ISD services;

(d) whether the costs and benefits have been worked out; and

(e) if so, the additional investment required immediately by BSNL for venturing into ISD services?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): No Sir, however internal committees have been set up to examine various aspects relating to ISD operations.

(c) BSNL will be able to tap the International Traffic and thus add to its revenue.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) An investment of approximately Rs. 735 million will be required immediately to enter into ISD Services.